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Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is, however, liberally supplied, that may be perused with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as sauces do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

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PROGRAMME

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Jephson—I was, but the new curate is taking special interest in my wife's salvation, so I'm not going.

AT A STANDSTILL.

Brace—You know dreams run by contraries. I dreamed last night that I paid you my bill in full.

Tailor—That's funny; I dreamed that you didn't.

GEORGIA REAL ESTATE.

Investor—But you told me there was a natural spring on this land.

Real Estate Agent—And so there is, but you must go slow; the revenue detectives are on to it.—Atlanta Constitution.

WHY HE GOT THE FLUTE.

Woo.—How do you like your new flat?

Van Pelt—All right, except that the man across the hall is learning to play the flute.

Wool—You ought to get an accordion.

Van Pelt—I did; that's why he got the flute.

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Distribution of Characters.

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Bella Kelly.....	Miss C. Scott

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Mary—Yes, sir.

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Synopsis.

ACT I.—Farm yard of the “Manx Fairy.”

ACT II.—Garden of the “Manx Fairy.”

ACT III.—Pete’s Cottage.

ACT IV.—Scene 1.—Philip Christian’s House. Scene 2.—Pete’s Cottage.

ACT V.—Farm yard of the “Manx Fairy.”

Two years are supposed to elapse between Acts I. and II. Twelve months between Acts II. and III. Six weeks between Acts III. and IV. Ten hours between Acts IV. and V.

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Mr. Charles Cathcart.....	Stage Director
Mr. Alfred Rivers.....	Assistant Stage Manager
Madame Bernstein.....	Costumer

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To see a man he knew.
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She donned her sweetest smile,
And flirted with another man
Who sat across the aisle.

—New York Press.

Flossie—Mamma, tan I have a new dollie?
Mamma—No! Your doll is just as good
as new.

Flossie—Well I'se dest as dood as new, but
Dod dave 'oo another little girl.

TOMMY'S BREAK.

(From Puck.)

I got fired from Sunday-school
Week before last. I don't care!
Never liked it, anyhow—
Wasn't any fun down there.

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J. K. SPRY, MANAGER.

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WALTZ—Nisida	Strauss
OVERTURE—Ne Cheval de Bronze.....	Auber
MARCH—American Cadet.....	Hall

The above Programme subject to transposition.

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the rose,

For, coming down to beauty, you're in it, "I'll
tell you those."

Oh, woman, lovely woman, thy charms are
ever great,

Thou dost keep the men all guessing some-
times at a lively rate.

How often hast thou caught them with thy
smile so fair to see,

Oh, woman, lovely woman, come, wilt 'smile
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